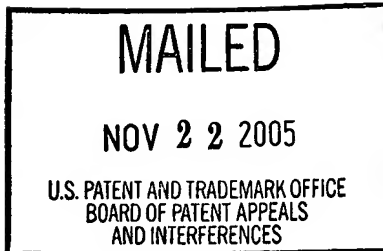


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Application No. 10/004,948

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**ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER**

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This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 12, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

The Examiner's Answer mailed February 16, 2005 is defective because the evidence relied upon is not stated in the Examiner's Answer. This is needed to process the case.

Appropriate correction is required.

The amendment attached to the Examiner's Answer mailed February 16, 2005 is improper. This needs to be corrected to process the appeal.


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The Final Rejection mailed on October 18, 2004 was not found in the IFW. This is needed to process the appeal.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to 1) list the evidence relied upon in the Examiner's Answer; 2) correct the amendment to the Examiner's Answer; 3) have the Final Rejection scanned into the IFW; and 4) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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